

MEDIA RELEASE**25 March 2020****Cancellation of the Backyard and Garden Show 2020.**

On Sunday the Prime Minister and State Premiers announced enhanced measures to limit the impact of the Coronavirus COVID-19 on Australia's healthcare system, including the closure of entertainment venues. While restrictions will be reviewed each month, Australians have been advised to expect these measures to last at least six months.

It is with regret that SPASAVIC and Landscaping Victoria Masters Landscapers announce that the Backyard and Garden Show, scheduled for August 2020 is cancelled.

"As industry bodies representing many small to medium businesses LVML, along with SPASAVIC, know the cancellation of the show will hurt our members. We also know that Victorians will continue to support those businesses by engaging our professional members when they are looking to create beautiful recreational facilities in their own backyard," said Megan Flower, EO of Landscaping Victoria Master Landscapers.

"The health and wellbeing of our community must come first. We have a duty to others and ourselves to stop the spread of this virus, and for many of us that means limiting physical contact and when necessary, postponing or cancelling events." said Chris Samartzis, CEO of SPASAVIC.

The Backyard and Garden Show 2021 will run on **Saturday 17 – Sunday 18 July 2021** at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

About the Backyard and Garden Show

Discover everything you need to transform your outdoor environment, from landscape and outdoor living products to design and renovation ideas, not to mention experts on hand providing the most up to date advice. The Backyard and Garden Show offers a comprehensive range of outdoor products in one convenient location. With an extensive range of products, services and industry experts on hand, the time spent visiting the Show could be the best investment you'll make all year.

About SPASAVIC

Established in 1961, the Swimming Pool & Spa Association of Victoria (SPASAVIC) is the peak body of the pool and spa industry in Victoria.

About Landscaping Victoria

Landscaping Victoria Master Landscapers (LVML) is a progressive Association of committed landscaping professionals working in an exciting and expanding industry.

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